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EL PASO, TEXAS, *October 8, 1910.*

THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith Joint Journal of August 1st, with accompanying engineers' report, relating to the erection of an international monument on the new railroad bridge across the Rio Grande between Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas.

Upon the approval of this journal by the two Governments the Commission will immediately proceed with the erection of the monument.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ANSON MILLS,

*Commissioner.*

(JOINT JOURNAL.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, August 1, 1910.

The Joint Commission met at the office of the American Commissioner at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Mexican Commissioner stated that he had received instructions from his Government to request that the American Commissioner join him in the placing of an international monument on the recently completed bridge across the Rio Grande between Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, in accordance with Article IV of the Treaty of 1884.

The American Commissioner having stated that he was ready to proceed in the matter, it was agreed that the Consulting Engineers be requested to furnish a sketch of the river at the bridge site, with the bridge and its piers shown thereon, as well as the location selected by them for the placing of the monument, and accompanied by a joint report giving such information as they deem essential.

Upon the receipt of this report, with sketch, and approval of the Commissioners, it will be attached to this journal and forwarded to the two Governments for consideration. Upon the approval by the two Governments the Consulting Engineers, when advised of such approval by their respective Commissioner, shall proceed to set up the monument in a secure manner at the point selected and render a joint report to the Commissioners upon the completion of the work.

A copy of this journal to be furnished the Consulting Engineers.

The Commission then adjourned.

ANSON MILLS,  
WILBUR KEBLINGER,  
F. B. PUGA,  
M. N. VELARDE.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Agosto 1 de 1910.

La Comisión Mixta se reunió á las 10 A. M. en la oficina del Comisionado Americano.

El Comisionado de México expuso que ha recibido de su Gobierno instrucciones para pedir al Comisionado Americano que se le una con el fin de ordenar, de acuerdo con lo dispuesto en el Artículo IV del Tratado de 1884, la erección de un monumento internacional en el puente recientemente construído sobre el Río Bravo entre Matamoros, Tamaulipas, y Brownsville, Texas.

Habiendo manifestado el Comisionado Americano que estaba dispuesto á proceder conforme á este deseo, se convino entre ambos Comisionados en dar instrucciones á los Ingenieros Consultores para que presenten un croquis de la parte del rio en que se halla el puente citado, mostrando el puente, sus pilares y el sitio que elijan para colocar el monumento, todo acompañado por un informe en común que contenga los datos que crean esenciales.

Una vez que se reciban por los Comisionados tales informe y planos, si merecen su aprobación se les declarará parte de esta Acta y se les transmitirá á los dos Gobiernos para su consideración, y si éstos los aprueban, los Comisionados comunicarán tal aprobación á sus respectivos Ingenieros Consultores, para que unidos procedan á construir el monumento de una manera segura en el punto elegido y á rendir á los Comisionados un informe en común sobre la obra, una vez que quede concluída.

Se proporcionará una copia de la presente Acta á los Ingenieros Consultores.

La Comisión pasó á ocuparse de otros asuntos.

F. B. PUGA,  
M. N. VELARDE,  
ANSON MILLS,  
WILBUR KEBLINGER.

(ENGINEERS' REPORT.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, October 6, 1910.

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS,

*International Boundary Commission,*

El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen: In accordance with the request contained in your Joint Journal of August 1st, 1910, we took up the mat-

EL PASO, TEXAS, Octubre 6 de 1910.

A LOS HONORABLES COMISIONADOS  
*cu la Comisión Internacional de  
Límites,*

El Paso, Texas.

Señores:

De acuerdo con lo dispuesto por ustedes en su Acta de Agosto 1º de 1910, nos hemos ocupado de estudiar la lo-



ter of a location for a boundary monument on the railroad bridge across the Rio Grande between Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas.

The United States consulting Engineer obtained, after considerable delay, from the railroad officials a blue print showing the layout of the bridge.

We attach to this report a blue print sketch of the bridge and we respectfully recommend that the monument be placed on the draw-span over the central pier. This pier is in the center of the river.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FOLLETT,  
*Consulting Engineer.*  
E. ZAYAS,  
*Ingeniero Consultor.*

calización de un monumento limítrofe en el puente del ferrocarril que curva el Río Bravo del Norte entre Matamoros, Tamaulipas y Brownsville, Texas.

El Ingeniero Consultor de los Estados Unidos, aunque con bastante dilación, obtuvo de los Directores del Ferrocarril, una heliografía que muestra la posición del puente.

Anexamos á este informe un diseño del referido puente, y respetuosamente recomendamos que el monumento de que se trata sea erigido en la trabe giratoria sobre el machón central. Este machón ocupa el centro del río.

Reiteramos a ustedes nuestra respetuosa consideración.

E. ZAYAS,  
*Ingeniero Consultor Mexicano.*  
W. W. FOLLETT,  
*U. S. Consulting Engineer.*

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WASHINGTON, *November 2, 1910.*

BRIGADIER-GENERAL ANSON MILLS, U. S. A., *Retired,*

*United States Commissioner, International Boundary*

*Commission, United States and Mexico, Washington, D. C.*

SIR: The Department acknowledges the receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo, enclosing the Joint Journal of August 1, 1910, of the International Boundary Commission, together with the report and map of the engineers, relating to the erection of an international monument on the new bridge across the Rio Grande between Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas.

In reply you are informed that the proceedings in question are approved by the Department.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

ALVEY A. ADEE,  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 27, 1911.*

THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith Joint Journal, in Spanish and English, dated June 12, 1911, approving the report and maps of the Consulting Engineers concerning the erection of an international boundary monument on the railroad bridge between Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas.

The four photographs mentioned in the report of the Consulting Engineers are enclosed and the original filing map is being forwarded under separate cover.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ANSON MILLS,  
*Commissioner.*

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(JOINT JOURNAL.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, *June 12, 1911.*

The Joint Commission met at the office of the Mexican Commissioner at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Consulting Engineers' report, dated December 30, 1910, on the erection of the international monument on the new railroad bridge across the Rio Grande between Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, accompanied by a map and four photographs, was examined and approved by the Commissioners and the same is attached hereto and made a part of this Journal.

The maps were signed by the Commissioners and the Consulting Engineers and, together with the photographs, will be sent with this Journal to the two Governments for filing.

The Commission then proceeded to other business.

ANSON MILLS,  
WILBUR KEBLINGER,  
F. B. PUGA,  
M. N. VELARDE.

EL PASO, TEXAS, *Junio 12 de 1911.*

La Comisión Mixta se reunió en la oficina del Comisionado Mexicano á las 10 A. M.

El informe de los Ingenieros Consultores fechado el 30 de Diciembre de 1910 acerca de la erección del monumento internacional sobre el puente nuevo del Río Grande entre Brownsville, Texas, y Matamoros, Tamaulipas, acompañado de un mapa y cuatro fotografías, se examinó y aprobó por los Comisionados y se anexaron formando parte de esta acta.

Los mapas fueron firmados por los Comisionados é Ingenieros Consultores; y todo así como las fotografías se enviarán con esta acta á ambos Gobiernos.

La Comisión procedió á ocuparse de otros asuntos.

F. B. PUGA,  
M. N. VELARDE,  
ANSON MILLS,  
WILBUR KEBLINGER.

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(ENGINEERS' REPORT.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, *Dec. 30, 1910.*

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS,  
*International Boundary Commission,  
United States and Mexico.*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the request contained in your Journal of August 1, 1910, we have placed a monument on the new bridge across the Rio Grande between Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, for the purpose of marking the limit of jurisdiction on the bridge, in accordance with Article V of the Treaty of 1884, and we have the honor to report thereon as follows:

After considerable delay we obtained from the railroad officials a blue print

*Diciembre 30 de 1910.*

*A los Honorables Comisionados de Límites en la Comisión Internacional entre México y los Estados Unidos.*  
Señores Comisionados:

En cumplimiento de lo dispuesto por ustedes en su Acta del 1º de Agosto de 1910, hemos crejido un monumento sobre el puente del ferrocarril últimamente construido entre Matamoros, Tamaulipas, y Brownsville, Texas, marcando dicho monumento jurisdiccional en el puente á que se refiere el Art. IV del Tratado de 1884, y tenemos la honra de informar como sigue:

Aunque con alguna tardanza pudimos obtener un plano heliográfico oficial del

showing a layout of the bridge and on October 6th, 1910, we reported to you with a sketch map, recommending that the monument be placed on the draw span over the central pier, which is, practically, in the center of the river.

When this recommendation was approved, we proceeded to erect the monument. We found that the bridge had a footway outside of the truss on the down stream side. So that the monument was placed on that, rather than on the upstream side. We also found there was a double vertical steel post in the truss over the exact center of the draw pier. We were obliged to put the monument on one side or the other of this post. We chose the West or United States side. The standard cast iron boundary monument stands on two angle irons rivetted to the iron work of the bridge so that the wooden floors can be removed without disturbing it. It was erected November 9, 1910. No points as permanent as the bridge itself existed on either side to which we could refer the monument's location, so no such references are given on the map. The monument stands 81.5 meters from the coping of the bridge seat on the Texas abutment and 84.2 meters from the coping of the bridge seat on the Tamaulipas abutment, and one meter to the west or United States side of the exact center of the draw pier.

We transmit herewith a map showing the bridge with the surrounding topography and four photographs which, while they do not show the whole bridge, show the surroundings of the monument and the way it is erected, very clearly.

The notes on the map explain the significance of the monument.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FOLLETT,

*U. S. Consulting Engineer.*

E. ZAYAS,

*Ing. Consultor Mexo.*

referido puente y su localización, y el 6 de Octubre del año pasado, propusimos á ustedes que la colocación del monumento fuese en la trabe giratoria sobre el machón central que prácticamente queda en el centro del cauce del río, y al efecto, entonces, remitimos un diseño explicativo.

Después de aprobada esta proposición, procedimos á la erección del monumento. Viendo que en el puente hay un pasaje para peatones afuera de la sección que abarcan los pares y por el lado de aguas abajo, preferimos fijar el monumento en este lado. Notamos también que existe un miembro de compresión vertical de acero, y doble, en el par que queda exactamente en el centro del tramo sobre el machón. Esta circunstancia nos obligaba á fijar el monumento á un lado ú otro de este poste y elegimos el del Oeste ó sea el de los Estados Unidos.

El día 19 de Noviembre de 1910, quedó fijado el monumento tipo, de fundición, por medio de remaches, al puente de acero y de tal manera, que permite la renovación del enterimado en cualquier tiempo sin tenerse que remover el monumento.

En ninguno de los lados del río existen puntos fijos de referencia que puedan llenar su objeto mejor que el mismo puente, por cuya razón no mostramos tales referencias en el plano que se acompaña. Quedó el monumento á 81.5 metros distante del cordón de asiento del puente que corresponde al estribo del lado de Texas, y á 84.2 metros del correspondiente al lado de Tamaulipas, y también á 1 metro hacia el Oeste, ó lado americano, del punto exacto central del machón en que gira la trabe.

Acompañamos un plano que muestra el puente y los alrededores topográficos y cuatro fotografías que, aunque no enseñan la totalidad del puente, sí muestran con bastante claridad los detalles que rodean al monumento y la manera cómo se fijó al puente.

Las leyendas del plano explican la importancia de este monumento. Reiteramos á ustedes nuestro respeto.

Firmado por

E. ZAYAS,

*Ingeniero Consultor Mexicano.*

W. W. FOLLETT,

*U. S. Consulting Engineer.*

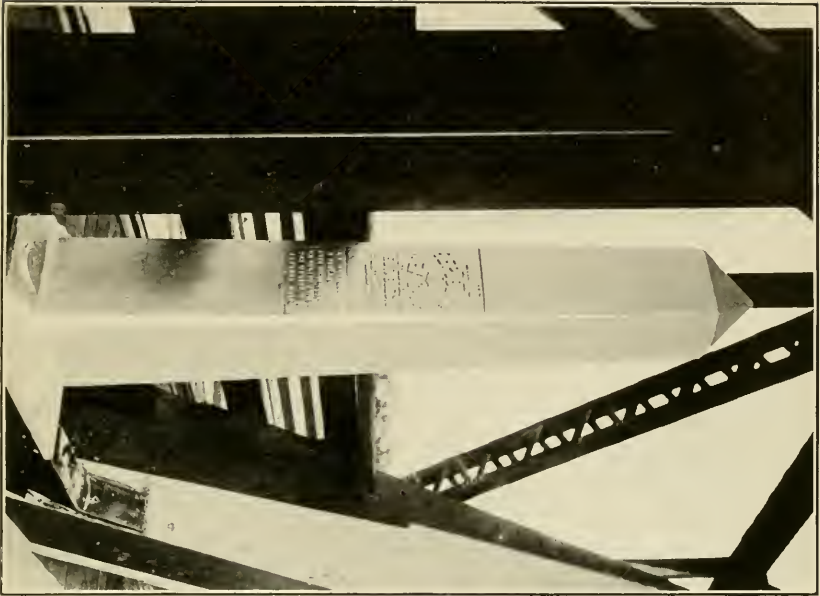
WASHINGTON, July 7, 1911.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL ANSON MILLS, U. S. A., *Retired*,  
*United States Commissioner, International Boundary*  
*Commission, United States and Mexico, Washington, D. C.*

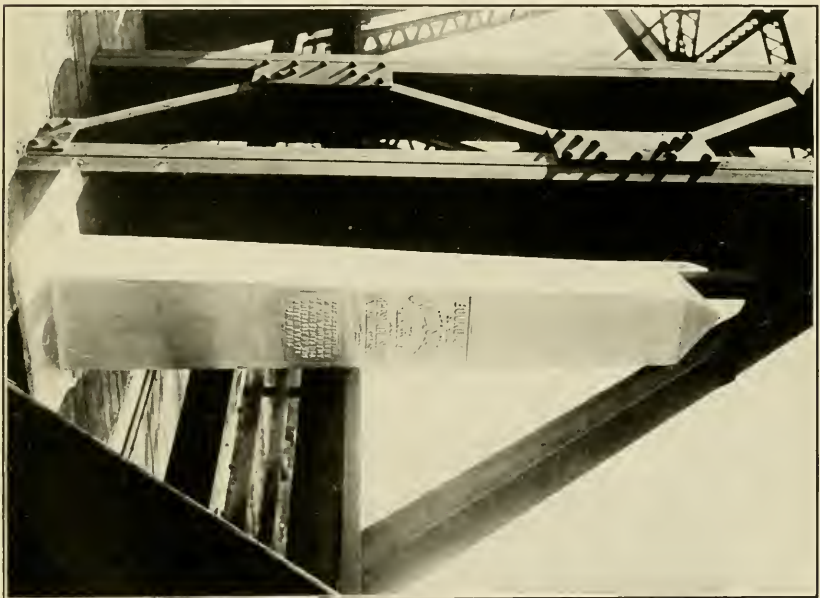
SIR: The Department acknowledges the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosing the Joint Journal of June 12, 1911, of the International Boundary Commission, approving the report and maps of the Consulting Engineers concerning the erection of an international boundary monument on the railroad bridge between Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

P. C. KNOX.



MONUMENT—BROWNSVILLE BRIDGE.  
LOOKING TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES.



MONUMENT—BROWNSVILLE BRIDGE.  
LOOKING TOWARDS MEXICO.

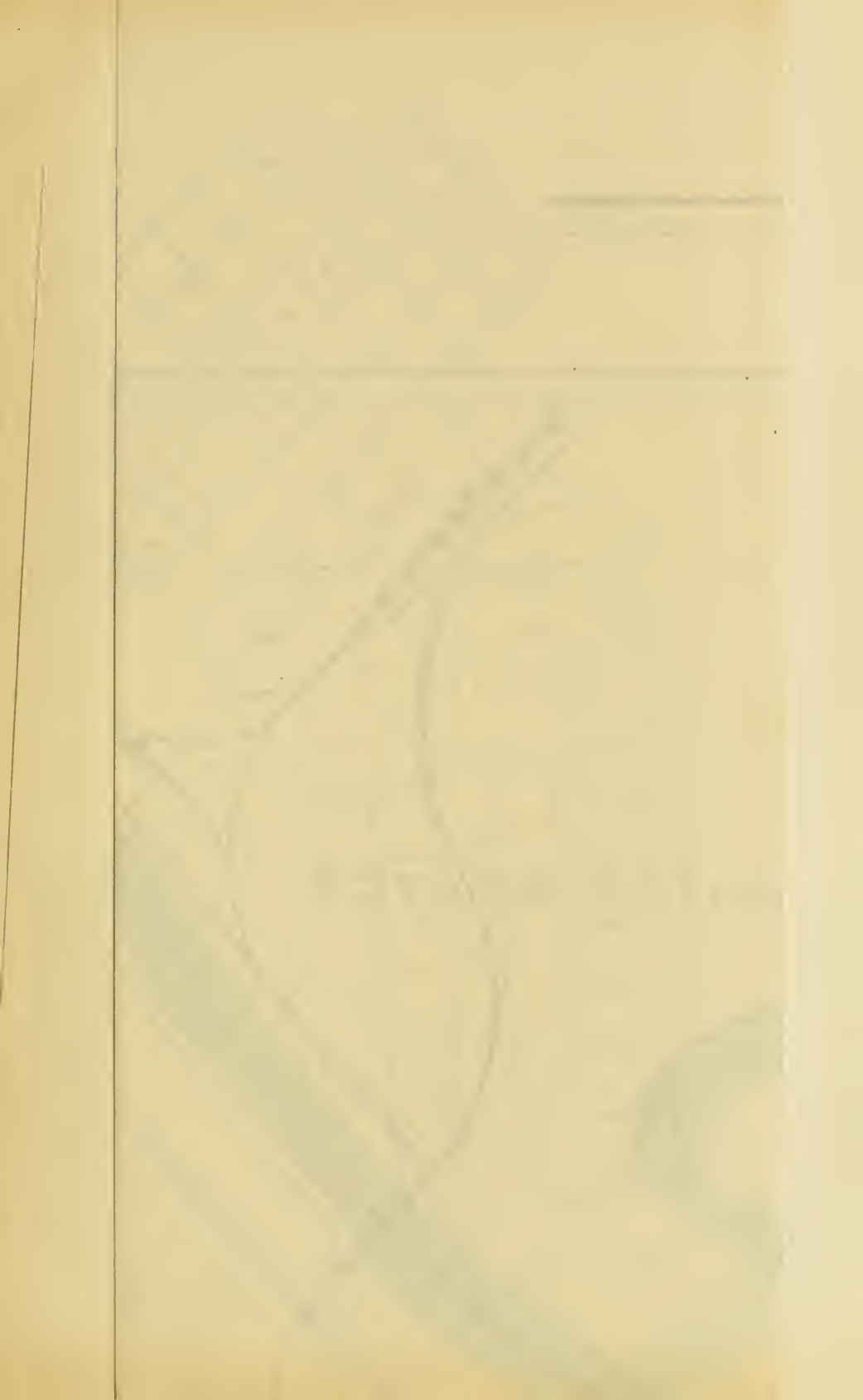




MONUMENT—BROWNSVILLE BRIDGE, LOOKING UPSTREAM FROM JETTY ON MEXICAN SIDE.



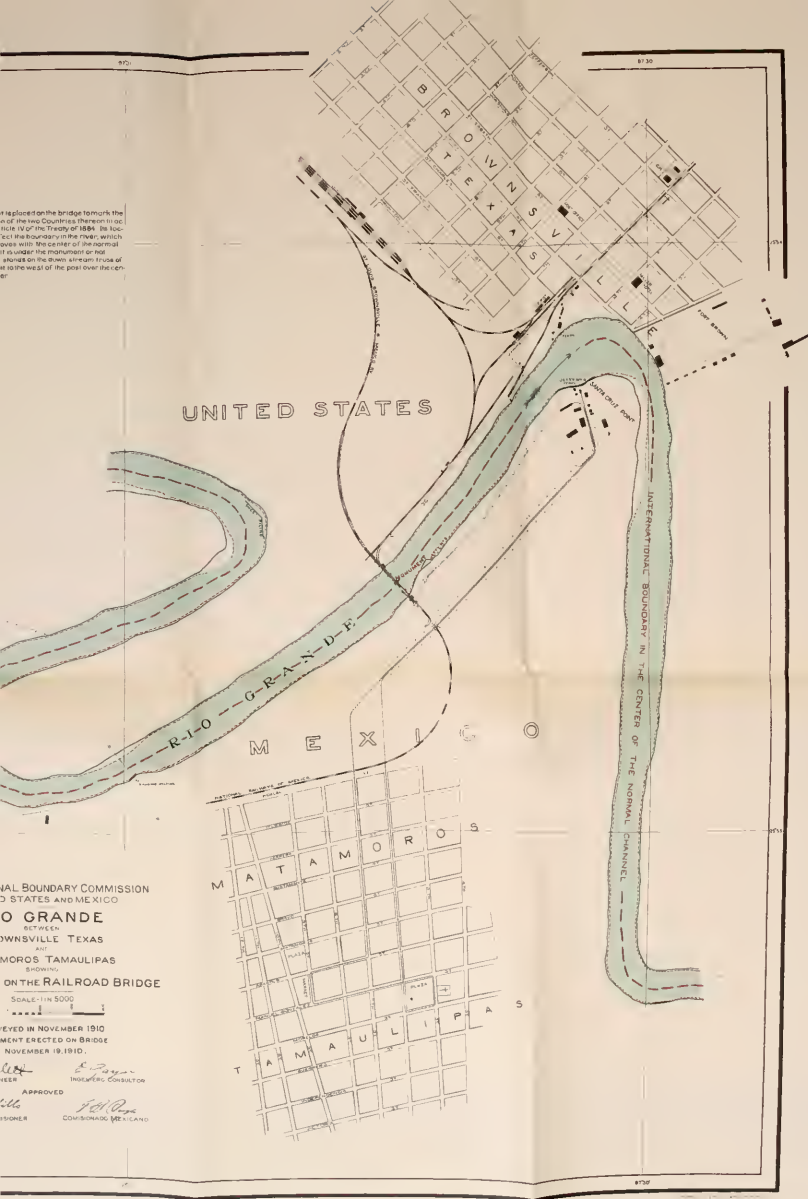
MONUMENT—BROWNSVILLE BRIDGE, LOOKING ACROSS RIVER FROM MEXICAN SIDE.







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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO  
RIO GRANDE  
BETWEEN  
BROWNVILLE TEXAS  
AND  
TAMAULIPAS MEXICO  
ON THE RAILROAD BRIDGE

SCALE 1 IN = 5000  
ERECTED IN NOVEMBER 1910  
MONUMENT ERECTED ON BRIDGE  
NOVEMBER 19, 1910.

APPROVED  
COMMISSIONER, MEXICO-LAND



LAREDO—NUEVO-LAREDO BRIDGE



WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 23, 1912.*

THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith Joint Journals, in Spanish and English, dated June 12, 1911, and February 15, 1912, covering the monumentation of the new railroad bridge across the Rio Grande between Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas. A map showing bridge and location of the monument is being forwarded under separate cover.

This monumentation was merely the changing of the monument from the old to the new bridge, giving it practically the same location as formerly, in the center of the normal channel of the river as surveyed in 1897.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ANSON MILLS,

*Commissioner.*

(JOINT JOURNAL.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, June 12, 1911.

The Joint Commission met at the office of the Mexican Commissioner at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Commission took up for consideration the joint report of the Consulting Engineers, with sketch, regarding the location of a boundary monument on the new railroad bridge across the Rio Grande between Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, the same having been furnished in accordance with telegraphic requests by the two Commissioners. The report and sketch are attached hereto and made a part of this journal.

It was agreed to adopt the location mentioned in the report of the Consulting Engineers and shown on their sketch and to request them to proceed with the erection of the monument as early as convenient and render report to the Commission, accompanied by a map and photograph.

The Secretaries will furnish copies of this journal to the Consulting Engineers.

The Commission then proceeded to other business.

ANSON MILLS,  
WILBUR KEBLINGER,  
F. B. PUGA,  
M. N. VELARDE.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Junio 12 de 1911.

La Comisión Mixta se reunió en la Oficina del Comisionado Mexicano á las 10 A. M.

Se puso en estudio el informe en común y diseño respectivo de los Ingenieros Consultores referentes á la localización del monumento internacional que deberá colocarse en el nuevo puente entre Laredo, Texas, y Nuevo Laredo, México, Tamaulipas, sobre el Rio Grande, que han presentado dichos ingenieros de conformidad con la órden telegráfica que se les dió por ambos Comisionados.

El informe y diseño de referencia forman parte de esta acta.

Se convino en aceptar la localización que mencionan en su informe los Ingenieros Consultores que se ve en el diseño, recomendándoles de proceder á la erección de dicho monumento cuando mas les fuere conveniente y en su oportunidad rendir á los Comisionados el informe respectivo acompañando al mismo una fotografía.

Los Secretarios proporcionarán copias de esta acta á dichos ingenieros Consultores.

La Comisión continuó ocupándose de otros asuntos.

F. B. PUGA,  
M. N. VELARDE,  
ANSON MILLS,  
WILBUR KEBLINGER.

(ENGINEERS' REPORT.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, May 31st, 1911.

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS,

*International Boundary Commission.*

Gentlemen: In accordance with instructions received by each of us from his Commissioner, we have had a survey made of the new location of the railroad bridge between Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, with reference to the location of the old bridge.

We attach hereto a blue print showing the relative positions of the two bridges and we recommend that the monument be placed on the upstream truss over the middle pier. As the chords of the trusses are not continuous over the piers, it will be necessary to place the monument about its width off center, as was done at Brownsville.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Mayo 31 de 1911.

*A los Honorables Señores Comisionados de Límites en la Comisión Internacional entre México y los Estados Unidos. Presentes.*

Señores:

De acuerdo con las instrucciones recibidas de nuestros respectivos Comisionados, hemos hecho un estudio de la nueva localización del puente del ferrocarril entre Laredo, Tam., y Laredo, Texas, con relación á la del puente antiguo.

Acompañamos á este informe una heliografía que muestra las posiciones relativas de ambos puentes, permitiéndonos recomendar que el monumento se erija sobre la armadura de aguas arriba que descansa en machón del centro. Como los pares en las armaduras en el ma-

We recommend that it be placed on the Mexican side of the center.

The bridge is symmetrical and consists of six spans, all alike, so that this pier is in the center of the bridge. It is also, according to our map made in 1897, in the center of the channel of the river.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FOLLETT,  
*Consulting Engineer.*  
E. ZAYAS,  
*Ingeniero Consultor.*

chón están desligados, se hace necesario colocar el monumento á una distancia, fuera del centro, igual á su anchura como se hizo en Brownsville, y recomendamos también que se sitúe hacia la parte de México partiendo del centro del referida machón.

El puente es simétrico y tiene seis tramos ó luces, todas iguales, por lo cual el machón de referencia queda en el centro del puente. Así mismo, conforme al plano de 1897, ocupa el centro del cauce.

E. ZAYAS,  
*Ingeniero Consultor Mexicano.*  
W. W. FOLLETT,  
*U. S. Consulting Engineer.*

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### (JOINT JOURNAL.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, *February 15, 1912.*

The Joint Commission met at the office of the American Commissioner at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Consulting Engineers presented a report, with map and four photographs, dated September 4, 1911, covering the monumentation of the new railroad bridge across the Rio Grande between Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, for the purpose of marking the limit of jurisdiction on the bridge, in accordance with Article IV of the Treaty of 1884, and as directed by the Commissioners in their Joint Journal of June 12, 1911.

The Commissioners approved the report and signed the map presented by the Commissioners and the same is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

The Commission then adjourned.

ANSON MILLS,  
WILBUR KEBLINGER,  
F. B. PUGA,  
M. N. VELARDE.

EL PASO, TEXAS, *Febrero 15 de 1912.*

La Comisión Mixta se reunió en la oficina de su Sección Americana á las 10 A. M.

Los Ingenieros Consultores le sometieron en seguida un informe colectivo fechado el 4 de Septiembre de 1911 acompañado por 4 fotografías y un plano y referente á la monumentación hecha en el nuevo puente de ferrocarril construído á través del Rio Bravo entre Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, y Laredo, Texas, monumentación que tuvo por objeto marcar sobre dicho puente, de acuerdo con el Artículo IV del Tratado de 1884 y con las instrucciones de los Comisionados contenidas en su Acta de Junio 12 de 1911, el límite de la soberanía de uno y otro país.

Los Comisionados aprobaron el informe y firmaron el plano á que antes se alude y acordaron que ambos documentos pasaran á formar parte de la presente Acta.

En seguida se levantó la sesión.

F. B. PUGA,  
M. N. VELARDE,  
ANSON MILLS,  
WILBUR KEBLINGER.

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### (ENGINEERS' REPORT.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, *September 4th, 1911.*

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS,

*International Boundary Commission,  
United States and Mexico.*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the request contained in your Journal of June 12th, 1911, we have placed a

EL PASO, TEXAS,  
*Septiembre 4 de 1911.*

*A los Honorables Comisionados de Límites en la Comisión Internacional entre México y los Estados Unidos.*  
Señores:

En virtud de lo dispuesto por ustedes en su Acta del 12 de Junio del presente año, hemos colocado un monumento del

standard cast iron monument on the new railroad bridge which crosses the Rio Grande between Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, for the purpose of marking the limit of jurisdiction on the bridge, in accordance with Article IV of the Treaty of 1884, and we have the honor to report as follows:

The monument was erected June 23rd, 1911, and stands on the top chord of the upstream truss over the middle pier, just about its width to the south of the center of the pier, as recommended to you in our joint report dated May 31st, 1911.

The four pictures which accompany this report were taken the day the monument was put in place and they show clearly its position. The ties were cut away and the monument rests directly on the iron work.

After we returned to El Paso, we found that we were short some topographical data (the former bridge map being wrong), and we have been greatly delayed in obtaining this information by mail.

The map which accompanies this report shows the location of the new bridge with reference to the old one. It also shows the highway bridge with its monument.

No points more permanent than the bridge itself exist to which the monument can be referred; hence no ties are given.

The notes on the map explain the significance of the monument.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. W. FOLLETT,  
*Consulting Engineer.*

(Signed) E. ZAYAS,  
*Ingeniero Consultor.*

tipo usual, de hierro colado, en el nuevo puente del ferrocarril que cruza el Rio Bravo entre Laredo, Tamaulipas, y Laredo, Texas, con el objeto de marcar el limite jurisdiccional sobre el puente y conforme al Artículo IV del Tratado de 1884, teniendo nosotros ahora la honra de informar á ustedes como sigue:

El monumento fué erijido el 23 de Junio de 1911, y está sobre la cuerda del lado de agua arriba de la armadura metálica y arriba del machón central, á una distancia del centro de éste como del ancho del mismo monumento hacia el Sur, como lo recomendamos en nuestro informe mixto fechado el 31 de Mayo de este año.

Las cuatro fotografías que acompañamos al presente informe, fueron tomadas el día en que se erigió el monumento y muestran claramente su posición relativa. Los durmientes fueron cortados para que sentara directamente sobre la armadura de hierro.

Después de nuestro regreso á El Paso, encontramos que necesitábamos algunos informes topográficos complementarios; pues el plano primitivo estaba errado, y tuvimos dificultades de alguna consideración en obtener por correo las informaciones deseadas.

La localización del puente nuevamente construido, con relación al antiguo, y la del puente público y su monumento respectivo, se muestra en el plano que acompañamos.

No referimos el monumento sino al puente mismo sobre el cual está por no haber en la localidad, puntos que mejor sirvan á este objeto.

Las notas escritas en el plano explican la significación ó importancia del monumento.

Reiteramos á ustedes nuestra respetuosa consideración.

(Firmado) E. ZAYAS,  
*Ingeniero Consultor Mexicano.*  
(Firmado) W. W. FOLLETT,  
*U. S. Consulting Engineer.*



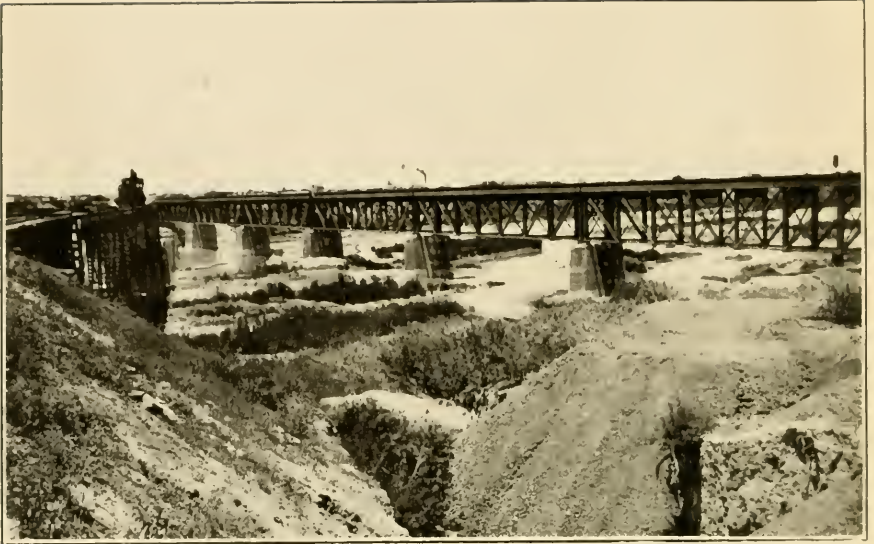
WASHINGTON, *April 27, 1912.*

BRIGADIER-GENERAL ANSON MILLS, *United States Army, Retired,*  
*American Commissioner, International Boundary*  
*Commission, United States and Mexico, Washington.*

SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d instant, transmitting Joint Journals, in Spanish and English, dated June 12, 1911, and February 15, 1912, covering the monumentation of the new railroad bridge across the Rio Grande between Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, together with a map showing the bridge and location of the monument.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

P. C. KNOX.



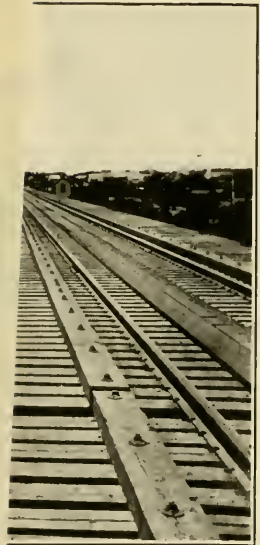
GENERAL VIEW OF NEW BRIDGE FROM UPSTREAM MEXICAN SIDE—SHOWS OLD BRIDGE BEING TORN DOWN.



VIEW OF MONUMENT LOOKING DOWN STREAM, TAKEN FROM OLD BRIDGE.



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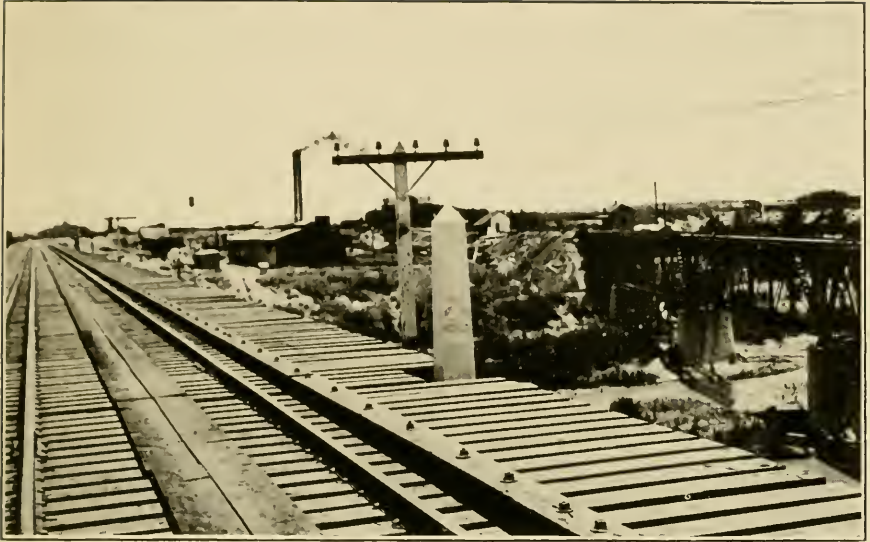
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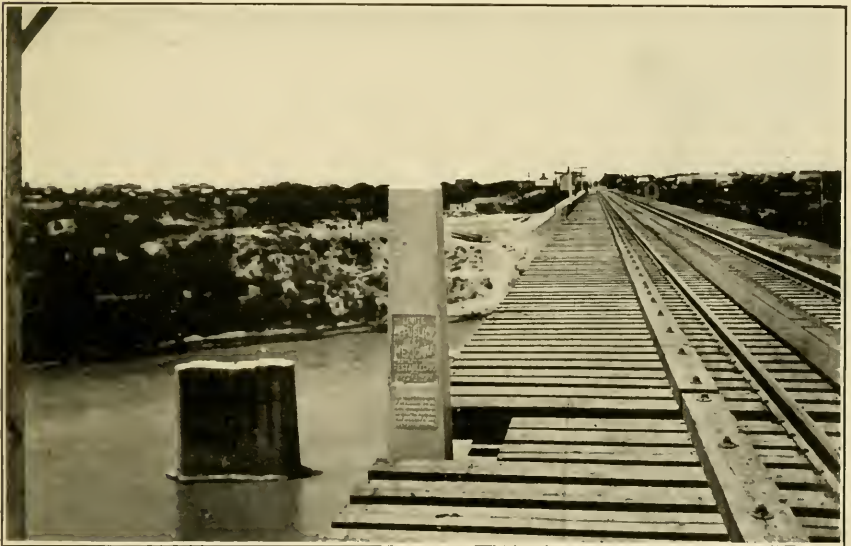
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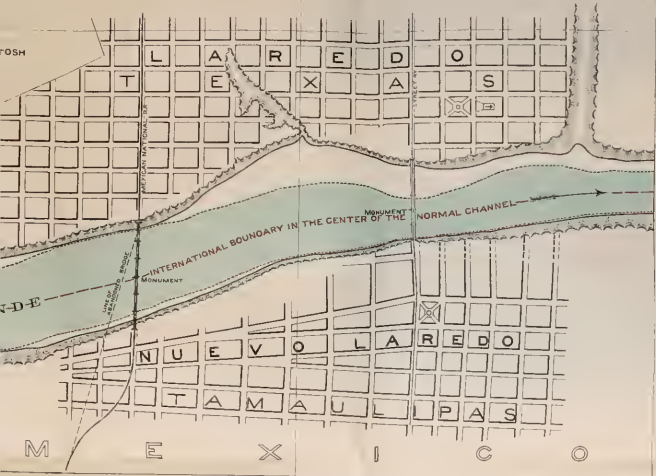
NEAR VIEW OF MONUMENT FROM UNITED STATES SIDE.  
NUEVO LAREDO IN THE DISTANCE.



NEAR VIEW OF MONUMENT FROM MEXICAN SIDE.  
LAREDO, TEXAS, IN THE DISTANCE.



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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

**RIO GRANDE**  
BETWEEN  
**LAREDO TEXAS**  
AND  
**LAREDO TAMAULIPAS**  
SHOWING LOCATION OF  
**MONUMENTS ON THE TWO  
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES.**

SCALE - 1 IN 6000

METERS  
IMPLICATED FROM SURVEYS MADE IN MAY 1911  
FROM METERS OF FORMER SURVEYS AND FROM  
MAPS.  
MONUMENT ERECTED ON HIGHWAY BRIDGE AUG 12 1906  
MONUMENT ERECTED ON RAILROAD BRIDGE JUNE 23 1911

Monuments were originally erected on two piers of the highway bridge including the monument, was destroyed by a cyclone. The bridge was rebuilt and the monument was restored to its original position on the fifth pier from the U.S. side (counting the abutment on August 12 1906.

In the spring of 1910 a new railroad bridge was built and the old one was torn down. The monument was moved to new bridge June 23 1911 and stands on the upstream truss just to the south of the center of the center pier.

These monuments are placed on the bridges to mark the limit of jurisdiction of the two countries. Thereon in accordance with Article II of the Treaty of 1854. Their location does not affect the boundary of the river, which remains, and moves with the center of the normal channel whether it is under the monuments or not.

The latitude and longitude shown on this map were taken by scale from Ensey's map and are approximate only, as no common point could be exactly determined.

*J. L. ...*  
ENGINEER

APPROVED

*J. L. ...*  
COMISIONADO MEXICANO

PABO TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 4 1911.













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